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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Sir:

In response to the Final Rejection dated May 6, 2005, for which a Notice of Appeal is due Wednesday, August 6, 2005, the Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendment and consider the following remarks in the belief that they place the application in condition for allowance, or at least in better condition for appeal. This response is being transmitted within two months of the mailing date of the final rejection.